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REPORT

OF THE

FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1ST, 1873.

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REPORT.

To His Excellency,

DAVID P. LEWIS,

Governor of Alabama:

The undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Ttrustees of the Freedmen's Hospital, near Talladega, Alabama, begs leave to submit the following report of the present condition of said Hospital:

The receipts and disbursements for the year ending the 31st December, 1873, (allowing the balance unexpended for the months of November and December,) with a general and aggregate statement of the different years' appropriations, receipts and expenditures, to the close of the present year from the time the State took charge of said Hospital in 1869.

The whole number of inmates on first of January, 1873, was 23. Two have died; now in the Hospital 23, with 2 children.

The names, ages, diseases and conditions of the inmates is shown in the report of Green P. P. McAfee hereto attached.

The appropriation for the support of said Hospital for 1873, was $3,000 00, which, with a balance not used for previous years of $115 90 made the sum of $3,115 90, at the disposal of the trustees for the present year. Of this amount $2,633 74 has been used, leaving a balance on the

first day of November, $482 17, which will be sufficient to meet the necessities of the Hospital until the 31st of December, 1873.

On account of the condition of the State treasury, no money could be drawn on warrants issued for ten months, and the trustees could not procure provisions and necessaries, except at credit prices, which necessarily increased the monthly expenses.

During the month of September the inmates were each furnished with full suits of clothing and shoes. They will need some winter clothing as the winter approaches; and if the money could have been received when due, the amount appropriated would have been ample for all necessary purposes.

Undersigned would further report, from his own observation and knowledge, that the wants and necessities of those afflicted and unfortunate persons have been carefully provided for and every comfort rendered them by the steward, G. P. P. McAfee, that he could do.

As to a further continuance of the Hospital, taking care of and providing for the inmates, considering all the circumstances connected, humanity, claims of citizens of the State, their care, at least for the short time many of them can live, it would be great injustice to have them put on Talladega county, as a majority of those now in the Hospital came from other counties.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FROM DECEMBER, 1868, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1873.

To am't 1st appropriation for 1869		$ 6,500 00
" expenditures, " "	$ 5,999 07	
" 2d appropriation for 1870		5,200 00
" expenditures " "	5,773 73	
" 3d appropriation for 1871		3,740 00
" expenditures " "	3,431 17	
" 4th appropriation for 1872		3,000 00
" expenditures " "	3,120 12	
" 5th appropriation for 1873		3,000 00
" expended to 1st Nov.	2,633 74	
	$20,957 83	21,440 00
Amount to balance	482 17	
	$21,440 00	

To amount balance of appropriation for November and December $482 17.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. THORNTON,
Sec'ty of Board of Trustees
of Freedmen's Hospital.

I respectfully concur with the Secretary of the Board of the Commissioners in his report, contained in the two preceding pages, and in recommending an appropriation for the support of said Freedmen's Hospital for the next ensuing year to the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly, at Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted, November 17, 1873.

GREEN T. MCAFEE,
President Board of Commissioners.

Annual Report,

OF THE FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL, NEAR TALLADEGA, ALABAMA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1ST, 1873.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the Freedmen's Hospital near Talladga, Alabama, Nov. 1, 1873:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my annual report of the inmates, &c., of the Freedmen's Hospital near Talladega, Alabama. You will see that we have had only two deaths to occur since the date of my last report, both of whom were very old, and only one has been discharged, making a total loss of three since November, 1872. The hospital is at present in a splendid condition—the premises are, at all times, kept thoroughly cleansed of everything calculated to produce sickness; all dirt, rubbish, etc., by the inmates, superintended by the attending nurse. I also see, myself, that the wear-

ing apparel, bedding, rooms, etc., are at all times clean, and healthy, and force them if necessary—those who are inclined to be otherwise. The buildings are very comfortable—provided with good stoves or chimneys, with an abundant supply of fuel convenient; as I have said heretofore in my reports, from time to time, there is an incessant stream running directly through the yard of the premises, headed by a bold spring not two hundred yards distance. In short, I do not think there could be found, any where within the limits of the State, a place better adapted for the location of an institution of this kind, it is entirely removed from any of the public high-ways, and one-half mile or more from any public road.

The property belonging to the Hospital is in about the same condition as at date of last report. In those who have died a sheet, spread and pillow case were used in their burial, each, and to the discharged were given all their bedding, five blankets, one colored spread, pillow case, bedstead, etc.

The property not in use is frequently inspected by myself, and is at all times to be seen in as good condition as it is possible for it to be—being well housed, as it all is such as has been in use for a great while, and in fact, is almost valueless. I, nevertheless, deem it my duty to keep it well protected from further damage by weather, and report its condition from time to time. Hoping that your honorable body will urge upon the Governor and the Legislature at the coming session, the great necessity of continuing the Hospital yet, one more twelve months, and deeming further remarks unnecessary, I will close, sincerely hoping that my very great effort to give perfect satisfaction through the entire year, may be so very obvious to each and the whole of your honorable body, as to need no additional assurance.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
GREEN P. P. MCAFEE,
Hospital Steward.

To Hon. G. T. McAfee, Wm. H. Thornton, Wm. Cain, Board of Trustees.

The following is a list of Hospital Inmates now present and at date of last Report:

No.	Names.	Age.	Residence.	Disease.	Discharged.	Died.
1	Burns, Prommer	50	Talladega co.	Deformity,		
2	Blane, Lucinda..	46	Dallas co...	Blind		
3	Blane, Frank....	7	do. ...	Child,		
4	Cameron, Burrell	39	Talladega co.	Blind,		
5	Coffee, Leah.....	41	do.	Rheumatism		
6	Coffee, Amelia...	9	do.	Child,		
7	Coffee, Harriett..	4	do.	"		
8	Dent, Katie.....	77	Dallas co....	Blind,		Sept. 27, '73
9	Dobbins, Nellie..	68	do. ...	Epilepsy,		Oct. 7, '73
10	Freeman, Dolly.	32	Montg'ry co.	Idiocy,		
11	Graddie, Hester.	57	Bibb county	Old age,		
12	Liggins, Green..	32	Talladega co	Idiotic,		
13	Martin, Peter...	37	do.	Deformity,		
14	Orr, Oliver.....	67	Dallas co...	Ulcer, leg		
15	Plowman, Thos.	72	Talladega co.	Blind,	Nov. 3, 1873.	
16	Roberts, James..	93	Calhoun co.	Old age,		
17	Roberts, Hanah.	62	do.	Idiotic,		
18	Smith, Stephen..	55	Chambers co.	Blind,		
19	Simmons, Sarah.	76	Clay county	Old age,		
20	Stone, Rachael..	23	Talladega co.	Epilepsy,		
21	Snowden, Chiles	22	Butler co...	Idiocy,		
22	Thomas Isaac...	44	Dallas co....	Fract. leg,		
23	Tuck, Martha...	32	Talladega co.	Paralysis,		

NAMES OF ATTENDANTS, AND OCCUPATION.

1	Poke Henderson,		Teamster.			
2	Louis A. Cameron		Cook.			
3	Sarah Hardie,...		Nurse.			
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Including attendants, two (2) children, makes 28 in number, four (4) of whom are children, drawing half rations, 2 adults, leaves 26 in number, from which number, 26, deduct the number lost during the present year, 3, which leaves 23 patients and attendents besides myself, making the total number in ration report 24 present.

The following is a list of Hospital property present, and at date of last report:

100 Bedsteads.
215 Blankets, five issued.
78 Colored spreads, two issued.
135 Bed-ticks.
28 Sheets, two issued.
— Drawers, pairs of, all issued.

— Shirts, all issued.
24 Bed-side tables.
24 Chairs.
4 Chambers.
— Bed-pans, broken.
12 Spit boxes.
— Spit mugs, broken.
6 Tin cups.
12 Plates.
14 Wooden buckets.
6 Urinals.
3 Bowls.
80 Knives.
80 Forks.
40 Table-spoons.
12 Tea-spoons.
— Mugs, all issued.
12 Tin wash basins.
300 Bed ticket frames.
10 Candle-sticks.
1 Cork screw.
1 Nutmeg Grater.
1 Hatchet.
1 Glass Lantern.
1 Hand litter.
1 Yard measure.
1 Tin measure, qt.
1 Pill tile.
1 Pair prescription scales.
1 Pair shop scales.
1 Spatula.
2 Cooking stoves.
1 Cleaver.
1 Flesh fork.
1 Iron tea kettle.
1 Butchers' knife.
130 Bottles, assorted sizes.

REMARKS.

Quite a large number of the articles here reported as present are very much worn, indeed, some are mere pieces and are constantly becoming more so, from continued use; as knives, forks, plates, wooden buckets, and, in fact, every thing that is not metal. As most of the inmates are idiotic, they have no pride or care about them whatever, it is almost a thing impossible to be so watchful and strict as to cause them to be careful with the articles unavoidably in their hands.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

GREEN P. P. MCAFEE.

Hospital Steward.